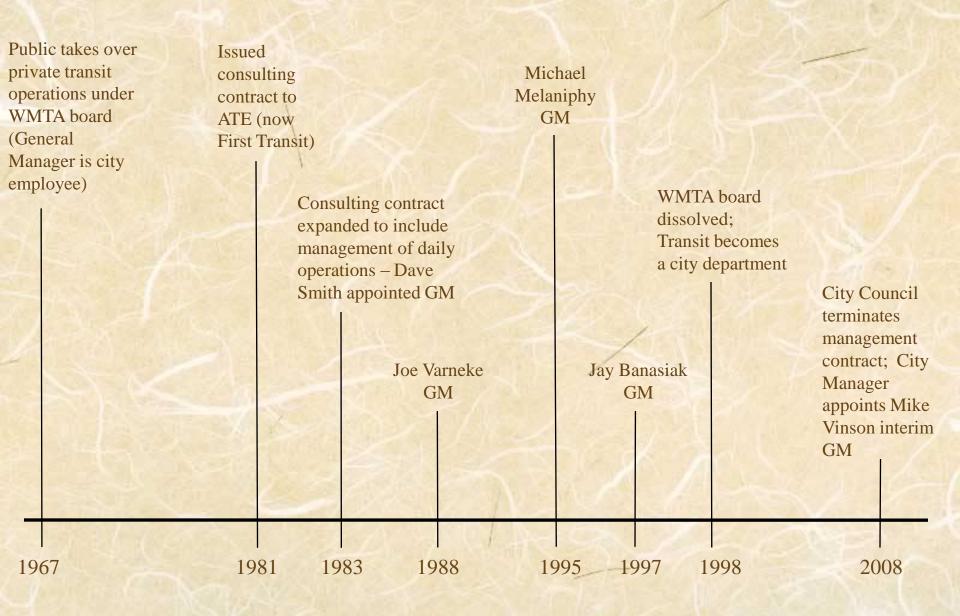
# WICHITA TRANSIT

Transit Management Study

#### History of Wichita Transit Management



#### Traditional Regional Board Management Structure

State Statute

Regional Authority

Manager or Contracted Manager

**Division Directors** 

Staff

#### Traditional Municipal Management Structure

(Council/Manager government)

Municipal (City Council)

City Manager

Department Director

Consultant as required

**Division Directors** 

Staff

#### Wichita Transit currently has . . .

City Council

City Manager

Contracted Manager

**Division Directors** 

Staff

#### Regional Management Structures

City	Population	Regional authority or city department?	Contracted management or in-house?
Kansas City, KS	143,801	regional authority	in-house
Kansas City, MO	447,306	regional authority	general manager is appointed by regional transit authority commission
Omaha, NE	427,872	city	in-house
Tulsa, OK	382,872	regional authority	in-house; contracted assistance
Oklahoma City, OK	537,734	regional authority	in-house
Colorado Springs, CO	372,437	city	in-house
Lincoln, NE	241,167	city	in-house
Topeka, KS	122,113	authority inside city limits	in-house
Des Moines, IA	481,394	regional authority	general manager is appointed by regional transit authority commission

#### Contracted management . . .

- ... was implemented by WMTA board in 1983
- ... was "inherited" by city when WMTA board was dissolved in 1998
- ... is not common in municipal government
- ... lacks experience in municipal governance and administration
- ... is not suited to the promotion of public trust
- ... has divided loyalties

## Wichita Transit Mill Levy

Year	WT Transfer from GF	All Funds Property Tax Levy	All Funds Mills Levied	Wichita Transit Mill Levy
1999	3,279,140	55,503,586	31.253	1.846
2000	3,279,140	60,277,938	31.406	1.708
2001	3,475,080	66,409,135	31.359	1.641
2002	3,475,080	71,441,101	31.474	1.531
2003	3,475,080	75,280,750	31.845	1.470
2004	3,475,080	82,570,169	31.905	1.343
2005	3,475,080	85,571,839	31.828	1.293
2006	3,475,080	89,673,886	31.898	1.236
2007	3,475,080	95,811,187	31.953	1.159
2008	3,475,080*	100,952,400*	31.953*	1.100*

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated amounts from 2008 budget

Wichita Transit mill levy has dropped 8.3% per year

### Wichita Transit Sources of Funds - 2007

	FTA	KDOT	City	Fees	Total
Operations	- 0 -	\$ 685,375	\$ 3,012,050	\$ 1,090,827	\$ 4,788,252
Maintenance	\$ 1,438,600	- 0 -	359,650	- 0 -	1,798,250
Planning / Administration	912,268	- 0 -	228,067	- 0 -	1,140,335
Paratransit	844,072	400,000	574,048	591,265	2,409,385
Totals	\$ 3,194,940	\$ 1,085,375	\$ 4,173,815	\$ 1,682,092	\$ 10,136,222

#### Recommendation:

Re-establish the position of Director of Transit